

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber
Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent on Monday, 21 June 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillor P. Farndale (Town Mayor) in the Chair;
Councillors Mrs J. Denniss, J. Gray, A.R. Harrison, Ms M. Hodgson, R. King,
D. Lloyd-Williams, R. Milner, H. Spencer, J.T. Stone.
Also Mrs R. Tierney.

021. (06/10) **APOLOGIES AND WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS**

- (a) Apologies received and noted by the Clerk;
Councillors Mrs D.E. Keal, D. K. Mennell.
- (b) The Mayor welcomed new Councillors (Councillor Jonathon Gray, Norton East Ward and
Mrs Judith Denniss, Norton West Ward.
Both Councillors had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

022. (06/10) **GUEST SPEAKER**

No Guest Speaker.

023. (06/10) **PUBLIC SESSION**

No member of the public present.

024. (06/10) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gray declared an interest in agenda item 7 Planning Matters. Application
09/00829/MFUL Development for Persimmon Homes.

025. (06/10) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 17 May 2010
Minutes 001 to 020 inclusive) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

026. (06/10) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 001 TO 020 INCLUSIVE**

- (a) Minute 18 (c) Members Questions - Trainers
The Clerk updated members with regard to the trainers wrapped around the telephone wires
in Norton Road adjacent to the skate park. It was hoped they would be removed quickly.

027. (06/10) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) Accounts paid and for payment
The Clerk reported that accounts nos. 031 to 041 inclusive, amounting to £4614.29, had been
paid since the last meeting of the Council.
RESOLVED that accounts nos. 042 to 048 inclusive, amounting to £1776.67 be paid.
Cheques were drawn and signed accordingly.
- (b) Financial report
The Clerk's financial report for the period 01.5.10 to 31.5.10 was received.
- (c) Budgetary monitoring
The Clerk's report for the period ending 31 May 2010 was received.

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027. (06/10) **FINANCIAL MATTERS** (continued)

- (d) Internal Audit
RESOLVED that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services be re-appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditors for the year 2010/11.
- (e) Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010 and Annual Return to the External Auditor
 The Clerk had circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31 March 2010, along with a copy of the Annual Return completed as far as was appropriate prior to approval of the accounts by the Council.
RESOLVED that;
- (i) The Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2010 be approved and duly signed in section 1 - The Statement of Accounts of the Annual Return to the External Auditor, by the Clerk in her capacity as Responsible Financial Officer and Councillor Farndale in his capacity as Chairman of the meeting;
 - (ii) The Statement of Assurance in section 2 of the Annual Return be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk;
 - (iii) The completion of section 4 of the Annual Return - Annual Internal Audit Report be noted;
 - (iv) The Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditor.

028. (06/10) **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a) Planning applications referred to the Town Council by Ryedale District Council, for comment and/or recommendation were dealt with as follows: -

- 10/00399/FUL Erection of 4No. three bedroom semi-detached dwellings and 1no. three bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking/amenity areas.
 Garages to the rear of Howe Road, Norton.
 For Yorkshire Housing (Mrs L Fargher)
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 10/00563/FUL Change of use and alteration of part ground floor/retail storage area together with first and second floor storage/office areas to form 2no. two bedroom apartments with shared external yard amenity area.
 47 Commercial Street, Norton.
 For Mr V.J.P Maloney.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval although members have concerns with regard to the amount of light available to the front apartment lounge and kitchen. They also have concerns with the viability of a retail unit that is that small. Members ask that both these issues be looked at, but that it is essential that a retail unit is retained.
- 10/00620/FUL Formation of 4no. additional parking spaces and installation of 3no. solar panels on flat roof.
 Derwent Surgery, Norton Road, Norton.
 For Derwent Practice.
RESOLVED Recommend Approval.
- 10/00642/FUL Erection of 2no. Two-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and terrace of 3no. Two-bedroom dwellings together with a single detached garage, parking spaces and amenity areas.
 Land at Builders Yard, Langton Road, Norton.
 For Mr John Skelton.
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the properties in Sutton Street which are situated adjacent to this site would appear to be completely overlooked. Members also have reservations with the access to the site which does not appear to be of an adequate width.

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028. (06/10) **PLANNING MATTERS** (continued)

- 09/00829/MFUL Erection of 63no. Four-bed dwellings, 66no. Three-bed dwellings, 45no. Two-bed dwellings, 12no. One-bed dwellings with associated garages and parking spaces, area of open public space and formation of vehicular access.
Land at Westfield Nurseries Scarborough Road, Norton.
For Persimmon Homes.
RESOLVED Recommend Refusal on the following grounds;
- Environmental issues - Members still believe that the flood risk associated with this site is still very high with too much pressure being placed upon Prior Pot Beck.
 - Utility issues - While there has been an assessment of the sewerage system which acknowledges the issues that exist with regard to developing this site. It is the belief of this Council that the improvements required need to be in place before any development is allowed. Members also still have concerns as to the capability of the electricity supply for this area.
 - Highway issues - As before the concerns of members are, this is a large development with a single access point on Scarborough Road and close to if not actually exiting on to part of a bend in the road. Thus causing more congestion on to what is an already busy major entry and exit road to the town.
 - Infrastructure and Amenity issues - Situated outside the development limits on the edge of Norton it would seem to members that in accessing local amenities ie Doctors, Dentists, Schools, Hospital and the local shopping centre, that the distances involved would only encourage more use of the car making for more congestion, especially with only the one crossing of the railway and two of the river within Malton and Norton.
Other issues with regard to local amenities are, with a development of this size is the capability of the local Schools, and other essential services such as Doctors and Dentists able to accommodate such an increase in projected numbers. A clear policy is essential.

(b) Planning decisions notified by Ryedale District Council:

- 10/00233/FUL Approved
Erection of a five bedroom dwelling with attached double garage.
Land at 93 Welham Road, Norton.
- 10/00234/HOUSE Erection of two-storey extension to side.
30 Burdale Close, Norton.
- 10/00264/FUL Change of use of former Post Office/Shop (Use Class A1) to restaurant (Use Class A3) to include erection of replacement single storey extension to rear, alterations to ground floor front elevation and increase in height of section of boundary wall with no.23.
Norton Post Office, 19-21 Church Street, Norton.

029. (06/10) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the organisations listed below, for the year 2010/11.

Malton & Norton Christmas Lights Committee	P. Farndale & Mrs D Keal
Malton & Norton Community Police Tier 2 CaP	R. King
Malton & Norton Dispensary Fund	D.K. Mennell
Malton & Norton Area Partnership	D. Lloyd-Williams & J.T. Stone
Malton, Norton & District Road Safety Committee	A.R. Harrison & R. Milner
Malton Museum Foundation	H. Spencer
Malton School Endowment Governors	H. Spencer

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029. (06/10) **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (continued)

Milton Rooms Management Committee	J. Gray
North Yorkshire County Council Area Committee	D.K. Mennell
Norton Youth Brass Trustee	Mrs D. Keal
Ryedale Cameras in Action Management Committee	R. King
Ryedale Environmental Forum	H. Spencer & J. Denniss
Ryedale Five Towns Meeting	P. Farndale & R. Milner
Ryedale Skatepark	Mrs D. Keal & H. Spencer
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Ryedale Branch	P. Farndale, A.R. Harrison & J. Denniss.

030. (06/10) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PARISH CHARTER**

Members received a report and a draft Model Charter to be developed between the County Council, District Council and Town and Parish Councils. Which was considered and debated. It was agreed by members that they had no objections to the draft Charter, and awaited the implementation with interest.

031. (06/10) **PUBLIC AMENITY AREA - MILL STREET NORTON**

Members debated the future of this area that previously they had looked to sell to the adjacent property owner, if the Covenant pertaining to it could be removed. It was now felt that perhaps this area should be kept and improved as an open space. A proposal to look at selling the land was defeated by an amendment, that asked for costings to be obtained for improving the area prior to making any decision on the sale of the land.
RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain costings for removing the seating and replanting with various bushes at the Mill Street Amenity Area.

032. (06/10) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) North Yorkshire County Council - Local Transport Plan 2011-2016 .
Members received a copy of the Local Transport Plan 2011 -2016 Draft Summary, which they noted.
- (b) North Yorkshire County Council - Proposed Parking Restrictions Riverside View and Station Way.
Members considered the proposed parking restrictions and it was RESOLVED to ask that Double Yellow Lines be extended on Riverside View past the junction with Station Way, in order that traffic turning into Station Way is not impeded and that children crossing the road from the play area have a clear line of sight, with no parked cars blocking their view.

033. (06/10) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Team - Monthly Crime Statistics (May) for Malton and Norton.
For information. Noted
- (b) My Malton - The big Tidy Up, to meet in St Nicholas Street Car Park Sunday 4th July 2010.
For information. Noted.

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034. (06/10) **CLERK'S REPORT**(a) **HIGHWAY ISSUES.**(i) Commercial Street Improvement Scheme

The Clerk reported that having contacted Mr Marr (Highways Area Manager) with regard to all the grass that had been laid at the Wold Street junction which was not how it was shown on the agreed plan, and while he apologised for not contacting the Council prior to altering the plan, he had originally agree to put the scheme back to how it was meant to be, with paving and planters. However the Clerk had now received an e-mail from Mr Marr stating that due to further budget cuts would the Town Council agree to the grass staying.

The Clerk had been in contact with the contractors who cut the highway verges on behalf of the Town Council, as it was the Town Council that had taken responsibility for them on behalf of the County Council. When the grass cutting contractor had inspected this area of grass members would then have a clearer idea of how and if it could be maintained to an acceptable standard, bearing in mind it was the untidiness of this area that was the catalyst for the whole of the Commercial Street Scheme.

While the area around the bus shelter next to the Chapel had not been included in the upgrade the Clerk had also asked if there was any possibility this could be paved in line with the rest of the street. No answer had been received as yet.

Members debated the points raised and agreed that the best way forward was to call for an urgent meeting with the Highways Area Manager Mr Marr, and the County Councillor Stephen Shaw, and the County Council's Consultants Jacobs who had been responsible for designing the scheme. The Clerk to arrange the meeting as soon as possible.

(ii) Winter Maintenance

To report an update on winter maintenance from Mr Marr (Highways Area Manager) who attended the meeting of the Five Town Councils, held at Kirkbymoorside last week.

- Total budget for North Yorkshire for last years winter maintenance was 7million pounds, actual expenditure was 10million pounds. A certain amount of assistance with the overspend was expected from central funds, but part of the overspend would have to be covered from the highway maintenance budget for this year.
- It was hoped that the allocation for this year would not be cut.

Footpath maintenance

- Highways would be subcontracting Priority 1. routes to Ryedale District Council, as they did last year. With the aim of having them salted by 9.00am every morning.
- Priority 2. routes or other footpaths the Council consider to be important, could be salted for a fee (unknown at present), but only if the District Council had the time and resources to undertake the extra work.
- Grit bins were available to be purchased at a cost of £85per bin and £75per bin for filling twice. Please note that if there was to be another bad winter, County Highways would probably not be able to fill the grit bins that were their responsibility never mind any that the Council may consider purchasing.

Members considered all the issues and asked that the Clerk obtain a plan of the Priority 2. footpaths in Norton, and also look into the costs involved with purchasing and storing salt for the Town Council. This item would then be looked at again.

(iii) Norton Sign Scarborough Road

Mr Marr had agreed to draw up some different designs for signs, along with their costings. The new sign could then be installed by the Highways Department as they had some work scheduled for Scarborough Road in the near future. Noted.

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034. (06/10) **CLERK'S REPORT** (continued)

(b) Maintenance of Hanging Baskets and other Displays

To report that working with Malton Town Council, Scarborough Borough Council had now been contracted for the maintenance of the summer displays. This would be at the same cost as last year £85 per week. Noted by members.

(c) King George's Playing Field Re-development

To report that following the public Meeting on Monday 7 June 2010 the Clerk had written to Mr Paul Simpson, Senior Planning Officer at Ryedale District Council, asking that the money from the 106 Agreement be forthcoming so that the order for the re-development could be placed. No reply to date.

Following on from the Public Meeting, Bright Steels could see no problem in having another camera installed on their system if that was what the Council feels would be necessary. They would however appreciate it if the Council considered renewing the perimeter fence running along the boundary with the lane onto their property, as at the moment this fence was too easily scaled and in poor condition.

Members agreed to investigate the possibility of renewing the fence and asked the Clerk to look at the possible costs involved.

035. (06/10) **TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Mayor reported on his attendance at:

- The Ryedale Five Towns meeting held at Kirkbymoorside.
- The production of 'Oliver' held at the Milton Rooms
- The Armed Forces Day Ceremony held at Ryedale House.

036. (06/10) **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Lloyd-Williams reported on the Malton Museum attaining National Accreditation. This would mean that they would now be able to access many other possible areas of funding.

Councillor Harrison reported on his attendance at;

- The meeting of the Local Councils Associations meeting held at Ryedale House.

037. (06/10) **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Spencer asked if the Clerk could contact the grass cutting contractors and ask why they were not cutting the full length of the Riverside as they were supposed to. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Denniss asked if the poor condition of the footpath in St Nicholas Street could be reported. The Clerk agreed to report it to Highways.
- (c) Councillor Milner asked if the relevant authority could arrange for the hedge running along Springfield Garth to be cut back so as to allow for the street light to be seen, and also the hedge belonging to No.12 Church street was overgrowing the footpath and could this one also be cut back. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- (d) Councillor King asked if an update on the length of time the Commercial Street works were going to take to conclusion could be obtained, and also was it possible to know if the project was being brought in on budget. The Clerk to contact Mr Marr, who would hopefully be able to update Councillor King at the meeting that was being arranged.

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038 (06/10) **EXCLUDED ITEM**

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following items of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

Members received quotations for the the provision of a new Hedge Trimmer for use in the Cemetery and Play Areas.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Campbells of Malton Ltd, for a STIHL Long Reach Hedge Trimmer in the sum of £476.60 plus V.A.T.

039. (06/10) **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk requested that the date for the next meeting of the Council be re-arranged as she would be unavailable for the third Monday of July.

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Town Council be re-arranged from Monday, 19 July 2010 to Monday, 26 July 2010 at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 9.40pm)

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